

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Wind energy generation projects offer South Dakota's rural and agricultural areas significant new economic development opportunities, including a new source of income for farmers and ranchers; and,

Whereas, Wind energy generation provides these economic opportunities with minimal impact to those lands and very few demands on state and local resources and services; and,

Whereas, The 150-megawatt MinnDakota Wind Power Project, to be dedicated on April 21, 2008, is generating a clean, renewable, domestic source of energy capable of powering 50,000 homes; and,

Whereas, Less than two percent of the leased land at the MinnDakota Wind Power Project is used for wind turbines, leaving the remainder of the land free for traditional agricultural use and conservation; and,

Whereas, The jobs created by the construction and operation of the MinnDakota Wind Power Project have already contributed substantially to the economic well-being of South Dakota and Brookings County; and,

Whereas, MinnDakota's developer, operator, and owner, PPM Energy, has contracted with Xcel Energy to provide all the electricity from the project on a long-term basis to serve electricity consumers in South Dakota, Minnesota, and other states in the Midwest:

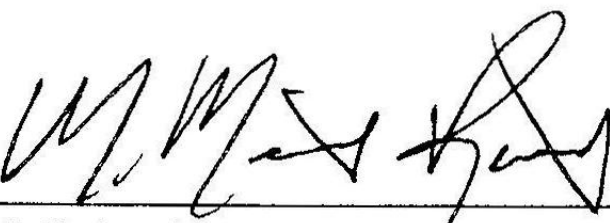
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 21-28, 2008, as

WIND ENERGY WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State